

Weekly Views

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"Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment." ~ Oprah Winfrey

Friday, September 11, 2009

The Indiana Addiction Recovery Month Symposium (IN ARMS) will be held September 14-18. IN ARMS is an interagency collaborative training effort between the IDOC and DMHA and will focus on services that increase the probability of individual recovery and decrease relapse and incarceration for individuals with addictions. Current and effective evidenced-based practices (EBP) and other effective strategies toward a cooperative and coordinated approach to facilitate recovery from addiction in persons within these multiple systems will be covered.

Westville Correctional Facility has partnered with the Indiana National Guard by sending Level 1 offenders to the National Guard Armory in Michigan City. The offenders will be supplying labor to assist the military in renovating the 100-year-old building.

Off grounds work crews at the Pendleton Correctional Facility logged 3,089 hours of community service during the month of August. Since January 1, 2009, crews such as the INDOT Work Crew, DNR Mounds State Park Work crew, and Indiana State Fairgrounds Work Crew have provided 14,157 hours of work to the community.

Thirty-three staff members from New Castle Correctional Facility joined 400 volunteers from Henry County this week to participate in the United Fund's 16th Day of Caring.

Two South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility students who recently graduated from Aramark's IN2WORK program were able to visit an actual culinary arts class at Ivy Tech's South Bend campus. The students attended a Classical Cuisine & French Cooking class and have been invited back to sit in on a Soups, Stocks and Bases class and a baking class.

Central Office held an Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Fiscal Division, and a cornhole tournament, raising a combined \$300 for the SECC! (See photos, right.)

Participants of the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Inside Out Dad's Program donated \$500 to the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon, and their contribution was announced on WTWO Television.

A crew of seven offenders from the Edinburgh Correctional Facility assisted the Indiana National Guard in setting up tents for the Scottish Festival at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds.

The IDOC Central Office softball team is now 5 and 1 and is 1st place in the state agency softball league.

The Pendleton Complex held a job fair this week and interviewed 61 candidates.

IDOC's Community Corrections Division will be hosting the first Evidence-Based Research Institute in conjunction with Indiana University's Center for Evidence-Based Practices on September 21st from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Bloomington, IN. The Institute serves as a venue for IDOC professionals and other Indiana leaders to promote the best practices within Community Corrections.

Fifty-two bicycles were refurbished in the Pendleton Correctional Facility's Shifting Gears Program during August. 320 bikes have been reconditioned since January 1, 2009.

Seventeen wheelchairs were restored in the Pendleton Correctional Facility's Wheels for the World Program during August. 155 wheelchairs have been reconditioned since January 1, 2009.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility staff held their blood drive this week and had excellent participation. 42% (23) of Edinburgh's 55 employees donated.

Cass-Pulaski Regional Community Corrections will be having an Open House on September 25th, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM for their new Work Release expansion. This facility will hold 52 male and 12 female offenders.



From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner